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Social media post of traffic stop brings 10 charges

At about 8:44 p.m. Saturday, a Van Buren Township police officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding on Haggerty Road.

VBT Police Chief Jason Wright said the driver of the vehicle was issued a ticket for speeding and released.

About 30 minutes later, VBT police were notified by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department that they observed a video on social media of the VBT's officer's traffic stop on Haggerty Road where a rear-seat passenger in that vehicle was observed pointing a handgun directly at the officer during the stop while the officer spoke with the driver.

"To say the least, this was a very disturbing video and sobering to watch for anyone," said Chief Wright.

"This is an example of how dangerous traffic stop encounters can be for police officers," he said.

The video revealed the rear seat passenger had raised and pointed a semi-automatic handgun directly at the officer while holding a cellphone to record the incident, Chief Wright said.

Van Buren Police Dispatch put a BOL (be-on-the-lookout) out to area departments referencing this incident and at about 11 p.m., Washtenaw County Sheriff Deputies stopped the suspect vehicle and recovered a handgun and took the occupants from the vehicle into custody.

The charge was felonious assault on the officer. After completing the investigation, a warrant request was prepared by Van Buren Township Police detectives.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office charged the suspect Jordon Chike Odumodu, age 21, of Ypsilanti, with nine criminal counts and a habitual offender, four-offense notice:

- Weapons – firearms - possession by

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The FIRST Robotics competition between 39 school teams, including Belleville High School, opened Friday morning with a ceremony at BHS gymnasium where the competitions were to begin. The BHS JROTC honor guard was present along with special guests who addressed the crowd: Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Van Buren Public School District Supt. Pete Kudlak, and BHS Principal Nicole Crockett. There was a lengthy presentation by Brandon and Austin Elwart about a driverless NiFT Shuttle after it carried them into the gym. The shuttle was created by Shane Elwart and built in the City of Belleville in 100 days. It won second place in the Experimental Division at the Detroit Autorama. It also was in the Winter Fest parade. At the end of the two days of competitions, the BHS Belle Voxel Bots Team 6615 had a record of seven wins, five losses, and no disqualifications and ranked 21 of 39 teams overall. Ranking first was Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy of Brighton. University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy ranked second and Adams High School of Rochester Hills ranked third in the overall competition for this event. Local sponsors were Belleville Yacht Club, Stoney Creek Motorsports, ZF North America, Constellium, Van Buren Education Foundation, and Belleville High School.

LDFA discusses bylaw wording in case it pays off its debt

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

John Delaney, second vice chairman of the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, had a question about what the LDFA would do in the future if it paid off its big debt and got some money to spend.

He asked the question at the end of the LDFA's in-person meeting on March 8.

He said his thinking on this started when he asked what they will do with the money from the sale of the LDFA property to DTE. He was told everything is needed to pay down the debt from the Visteon bond and it wouldn't be wise to borrow money from VBT and pay interest on it when the DTE money could help pay down the debt.

"But later, if we weren't in arrears, what would we do with money?" Delaney asked. He suggested the LDFA be proactive and not wait. Such a procedure is not mentioned in the bylaws.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara, who sits on the LDFA, said the LDFA sets its budget and the township board approves it.

"If you had a great idea, you'd have to convince four of seven board members to approve it," Supervisor McNamara said, reminding him the LDFA is borrowing $1.7 million from the township every year until the bonds are paid off.

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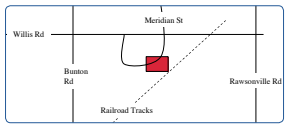

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Sumpter board approves administrator McClary on split vote

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a long discussion at its regular meeting on March 22, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved Darwin McClary as its new township administrator on a 4-2-0 vote, with Trustee Peggy Morgan refusing to vote at all.

Trustee Morgan stated that she thinks Sumpter Township is too small to need an administrator.

Voting yes were Trustees Tim Rush and Don LaPorte, Treasurer Vincent Warren, and Supervisor Tim Bowman. Voting no were Trustee Matthew Oddy and Clerk Esther Hurst.

McClary will make a $90,000 salary and have the same benefits as other at-will employees at the township. He had said during his interview that he needed no health care.

The recommendation of the hiring committee was added as an agenda item during the meeting. The committee had met on Feb. 28 to consider nine resumes for township administrator: Antoine Jordan, Neil Hammerbacher, Rodney Schellenberger, Ken D. Marten, confidential candidate (who requested full confidentiality in review and discussion), Jacob Goscicki, Don Hall, John Hamilton, and Karen Armatis. One additional person who had applied withdrew from consideration before that meeting.

The committee then met on March 7 to interview the three final candidates – Ken D. Marten, Darwin McClary (who was the confidential candidate at the beginning), and Karen Armatis -- and then voted to meet again to reinterview McClary and Armatis, but the second interviews were not held.

The second meeting, on March 14, was spent discussing the recommendations and considering news articles on McClary gathered by Public Safety Director Eric Luke and brought to the table by Clerk Hurst.

When the board got to the hiring committee's report on the March 22 agenda, Clerk Hurst asked who made the decision to not bring the two finalists in for a second interview and why that was decided.

She said the minutes of that first meeting said that they voted to bring the two finalists back for a second interview and the committee approved those minutes.

"I understood they were coming," said Trustee Morgan who was present at the March 7 and 14 meetings. "I was shocked they didn't come."

"The background checks didn't come back until after the first interviews," said Hurst, who was appointed to the hiring committee but missed the March 7 meeting. Trustee Rush filled in for her at that meeting. Then she was back for the March 14 meeting.

Darwin McClary

"Everyone reviewed everything," said Rush. "What more do we have to do?"

Hurst said she saw red flags in the reports she saw on McClary and she didn't like how often he changed jobs.

Morgan said it was political as Treasurer Warren had pointed out that when a new board comes in, it often changes appointed employees. She said the same thing happens in Sumpter Township and other communities.

Trustee LaPorte, who wasn't at those meetings, said he was also under the impression there were going to be second interviews. He said a committee has to "Do what you say and say what you do."

"They were told not to come," said Hurst, repeating she wants to know who decided that.

"It's nothing to do with him," Morgan said of McClary who was sitting in the audience.

"No. It's all on us," LaPorte agreed.

"I'm against hiring an administrator here," said Morgan. "We're not big enough and I don't think it's needed."

"McClary was voted in and we should leave it at that," Supervisor Bowman said.

"Who made the decision not to interview again?" repeated Hurst, who said she had wanted to be able to ask him some questions. "It's in the minutes."

Trustee Matt Oddy said the minutes were approved without amendments and he was at the first meeting and expected them to be reinterviewed at the second meeting. It's a matter of protocol, he said.

Trustee Oddy also said they put two employees in positions they never should have been put in, having to vote on hiring someone they would be subordinate to. He referred to Finance Director Scott Holtz and Public Safety Director Eric Luke, who were on the hiring committee and voted on the candidates.

"This board made that decision and it was a poor decision," Oddy said, referring to naming the committee. "Voting to hire your boss? I think it was wrong."

"We can learn from our mistakes," Bowman said. "Mr. Darwin … McClary shouldn't have to sit and listen to this … It's a bunch of crap … There's someone in our presence who hasn't always followed procedure on numerous occasions."

"Mr. McClary still scored higher," said Treasurer Warren who was chairman of the hiring committee. "We established our own protocol … not saying mistakes weren't to be made."

LaPorte said McClary probably is the best candidate. He said the second interview would have discussed wages and benefits, but Young stepped up to say the details of the contract would be the same as the other at-will employees.

After the meeting, McClary shook hands with board members and Oddy told McClary his vote not to hire him was not personal.

McClary of Waterford Township has 30-plus years of experience as a city and village manager. He has a master's degree in public administration, which was helpful to provide a well-rounded education, he said in the March 7 interview.

He has experience in Human Resources and collective bargaining, as well as grants, administration, and procurement.

He said he is a shy person and his work helped him to come out of his shell. He is experienced with working with staff and boards and particularly residents, he said.

McClary said that he has a sense of humor, likes to laugh, and enjoy people he works with, but he is a strong manager.

He told the hiring committee that he has never administered a township. He has managed cities and villages, but he is familiar with townships and general law township. Elected officials who are department heads is a new experience and exciting for him, he said.

When asked how he deals with conflict, McClary replied to the hiring committee that you have to do everything you can to de-escalate the situation. A citizen is upset with the situation; they're frustrated. You have to identify solutions to identify their concerns, being respectful and professional, with genuine empathy.

In other business at the two-hour-and-18-minute meeting that included the work/study and regular meetings, the board:

• Removed from the agenda approval to entertain any and all offers for the township-owned property, Parcel #82 81 016 99 0014 715, located on Sumpter Road. The board was, instead, considering using an auctioneer to sell the township property, which was discussed at the workshop before the regular meeting;

• Approved the 2022-23 Sumpter Township Operating Budget;

• Approved Fourth-Quarter Budget Adjustments;

• Approved the language for the Police Protection Millage for the August ballot, that identifies two questions: a renewal/increase of 1 mill and renewal/increase of 2 mills, effective 2022, levied for 4 years. The 1 mill had been reduced by Headlee to .98044 mill and it will be increased to the original 1 mill and will bring an estimated $382,500 in the first year the millage is levied. The 2 mills were reduced to 1.96088 by Headlee and it will be increased to the original 2 mills and is estimated to bring $765,000 in the first year the millage is levied;

• Approved the proposal from Burnham & Flower Insurance Group for township liability and insurance coverage effective April1 at a cost of $118,041, including last minute additions by Hurst. During the workshop there was discussion with township attorney Rob Young on liability concerning cutting vegetation at intersections;

• Approved a contract with Kennedy Industries of Wixom to repair a lift station pump for a total cost of $7,190. DPW Director John Danci said this lift station is at Holiday Woods and it had an oil seal leak. There are two pumps there and the other is working so there still is service. He said it would cost $24,000 to replace the pump;

• Approved purchasing DPW inventory from Core & Main of Canton totaling $15,364.67, as recommended by Danci;

• After Hurst put a complicated item on the agenda concerning entering of accounts payable, with a $9,500 update, this was voted down with LaPorte, Warren, Oddy, and Bowman voting no;

• After discussing it briefly at the work/study session, decided to wait until another meeting to consider a resolution from the Conference of Western Wayne demanding that impacted Great Lakes Water Authority member communities not be responsible for the City of Highland Park's GLWA debt. The resolution was brought forward

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OPINIONS

Editorial

When should the public be allowed to address boards?

There have been a few people unhappy lately with boards that represent them. In order to keep the public from saying too much at meetings that might disrupt things, public comments have been moved to the beginning of the agenda – and that's it. That's what happened at the Belleville DDA and Sumpter Township Board of Trustees recently.

If the board has a well-kept web site with the agenda on it so you can study it before the meeting and consider what needed comment before action farther on down the agenda, that might work.

If, you get to the meeting, pick up the agenda, and see something you really care about on it, you have a few, precious moments to prepare your remarks. And, it's hard to know what new information might be brought up in the discussion, so those things can't be addressed.

After their decisions are made, you can't congratulate the board members on their votes or chastise them if you disagree. Too late. Wait until the next meeting.

Some boards, like the city council, district library, VBT DDA, LDFA, Keystone Academy, Van Buren Public Schools, and VBT, Sumpter, and Belleville planning commissions, welcome public comments throughout the meetings, but we suppose if the comments were too harsh and too long, they'd have to make new rules, too.

Just when should the public speak?

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

At the end of the March 23 Van Buren Township Planning Commission meeting, Steven Darke asked via zoom about any updates on construction proposed for the northeast corner of Morton Taylor and Tyler roads, just west of the condos.

Commissioners suggested he meant the *southeast* corner, where construction is now under way on an adult care facility with memory unit.

No, Dan Power said. He said Darke lives in the area and he was talking about the *northeast* area. Power, VBT director of planning and economic development, said a developer was proposing over 100 senior independent units, not dependent. Vidya Krishna, planning consultant from McKenna Associates, said it was 144 units and the large vacant site is zoned for multiple dwellings. Power said that the developer is meeting with homeowner associations in that area to explain his project. Power said there was no update.

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Last Thursday a man called to say he looked in the paper and saw nothing about March 29 being "Vietnam Day." He said he served in Vietnam and when he came back to Belleville, people here spit on him and he doesn't know why he thought we would do anything different. He then hung up.

I was taken aback because I didn't know anything about "Vietnam Day." It turns out National Vietnam War Veterans Day celebrated its fifth anniversary on March 29, 2022. It was signed into law by President Donald Trump in 2017 and is to be celebrated on March 29 in perpetuity, joining six other military-centric annual observances -- Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, Navy Day, and Veterans Day.

March 29, 1973 was the day the United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished and also the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. In addition, on and around this same day Hanoi released the last of its acknowledged prisoners of war.

The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that today there are more than 6 million U.S. Vietnam veterans living in America and abroad, along with 9 million families of those who served during the timeframe of Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975. We certainly appreciate their service, every one.

President George W. Bush signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act in 2008 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and President Barack Obama officially inaugurated this commemoration at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on May 28, 2012.

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On Monday, Van Buren Township Police sent out a Nixel alert that there would be a lot of noise and police presence in the area of the I-94 South Service Drive and Haggerty Road that day for police training, and there would be no threat to the public.

Chief Wright explained: "Our SWAT officers were training in the area and they were going to make a bunch of noise for a couple of hours, so we had them knock on the area doors and tell people and we decided to send a Nixle, as well. Just a training day."

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We received word that all three pastors resigned on Sunday at Bethany Bible Church in Belleville. It was explained that the three wanted to remain a "package" and they wanted a vote of confidence from the board on all three at once. They handed that request to the board and it was denied. Some of the members agreed and some didn't.

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The timer and buzzer at Van Buren Township for those speaking before the board of trustees hasn't been used in a long time. Now, Sumpter has instituted a timer and buzzer for those speaking longer than three minutes.

On March 22, resident Mary Ban was the first speaker to stand to talk after the timer was announced and she spoke for three minutes, heard the buzzer, and then sat down. No one else came up to talk. We think the timer actually was put in place for the two men who spoke at the previous meeting. They were unhappy with the board and spoke longer than the board wanted to hear them. So, now there's a new rule.

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Letters

Sumpter board elected to serve the people

To the editor:

1. Declaration of Independence – 2nd paragraph – July 4, 1776

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First, I present my above quotes in order to emphasize and question how Sumpter Township enacts their public comment on agenda items, etc., at the start of their board meetings rather than at the end of the meeting, with the item that was once called open floor discussion so that people could comment on what had taken place during the meeting or for what other information the audience participants wished to share.

Second, the legal notices of township meeting minutes are no longer printed in the Independent and are only available at an on-line source (the Eagle) that is not a part of the tri-community area. We are being cheated of print copies. Many people in Sumpter do not have or do not use the internet for local information. However, thank God Mrs. Otzman gives synopsis of the meetings in the printed format! I believe our rights to freedom of speech and freedom of the press are being disenfranchised by our Sumpter Township board. Now they have a 3-minute rule to speak with a clock timer buzzer sounds – how convenient to keep the public quiet about issues.

Third. Also, I FOIA'd the hiring committee minutes of March 7 and 14. It is stated in the March 7, 2022 minutes of the hiring committee for a township administrator, that a second round of interviews should be held in a public meeting for March 14. The hiring committee concurred. Instead, the committee did not conduct a second interview, however the committee chairperson Vincent Warren (our Treasurer) stated they would vote on the selection of the candidate immediately at this March 14, 2022 meeting. Chief Luke, a member of the committee, questioned why there would be no second interviews?

Clerk Hurst, also a member of the committee, questioned at the regular township meeting of March 22, wanting to know when and why the second interview was not held and who changed the process? The correct protocol was not followed. She did not get an answer from any of the other board members!

I believe the Sumpter Township board is elected to serve "We the people" in the best interest of their constituents. Have you forgotten you work for us? I have attended most township meetings for over 45 years and I question why you want to violate our 1st amendment freedom of speech and freedom of the press rights?

Please vote to publish legal notices and the township meeting minutes in our local newspaper the Belleville-Area Independent. Drop your corporate anger and hostility toward this paper and its editor. You are doing our voters a great disservice not to be educated by our local legal "paper of record." I am trying to let people know we have a right to published information!

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Mary Ban, Lohr Road, Sumpter Township

ALL the roads paved in Sumpter? Yes, Please!

To the editor:

Hi, Kristin, who lives on Bemis (a paved road). Got some fun facts for you.

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But, you don't have problems like that, Kristin, because you live on Bemis (one of the few paved roads in beautiful Sumpter Township)! Wish you get your bike path while we suffer day after day, year after year on these dirt roads that we travel and never get anywhere. 1,560 miles is farther than Disney World from here! Imagine driving there on dirt roads!

If I get to vote on a bike path for you and a few of your neighbors or for other people to get their roads paved that truly need this, I'm voting for the roads to get paved!

So, Kristin, in this year of our Lord 2022, you say "Bike Path? Yes, Please!" while many thousands of people are still living in a Third World Country like Sumpter Township and have to struggle on the dirt roads every day to get out and earn a living and you think you deserve a "Bike Path? Yes, Please!" on your paved road! I pray for you and say, "Let's Get ALL the roads in Sumpter Township paved BEFORE we get path paths for a few – Yes, Please!"

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Belleville Adventist Church at 89 Edgemont St. in Belleville welcomes guest speaker and musician Ryan Day who will be hosting a series of Bible-study sessions titled "Amazing Revelations in Prophecy," starting Friday, April 8, at 7 p.m. with "The Curse and Its Reverse," followed by "Prophecy's Blueprint" on April 9 at 7 p.m., and "The Desire of All Nations" on April 10, also at 7 p.m. Admission is free along with a free children's program and study materials. See their ad in today's paper.

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Congratulations to the Belleville High School Tiger basketball team for a great season, which came to an end in a 60-41 loss to Grand Blanc in the Division 1 State Semifinals last Friday in East Lansing. Belleville finished the season at 19-7.

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The folks at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Boston are gearing up for the return of their Annual Flea Market, April 28-30, featuring antiques, collectibles, furniture, and more, on the church grounds at 19109 Craig St. Proceeds will go to the St. Paul's Ladies Aid and Men's Club. Call (734)753-9048.

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• **Sunday, April 3** – Bugles Across America begins at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. On the first Sunday of each month there is a brief ceremony to honor those who serve in the military. There is the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and Taps. All are welcome.

• **Monday, April 4** – "Gardening 101 with Randy Brown," originally scheduled at 7 p.m. at the library, has been postponed until a future date, yet to be set.

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Obituaries

Marilyn A. Krcmarik

MARILYN A. KRCMARIK
(October 15, 1937 – March 24, 2022)
Marilyn A. (Weaver) Krcmarik, age 84, of Belleville, MI, passed away Thursday, March 24, 2022, at her home, surrounded by family. She was born in Saginaw, Michigan, on Friday, October 15, 1937, daughter of Willard and Margaret (Larsen) Weaver.
She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 58 years, John C. Krcmarik III; Children: Donald and Sharon (Cislo) Krcmarik of Dearborn Heights, MI, John J. and Jenifer (Bezemek) Krcmarik of Franklin Hills, MI, and Ann Marie Krcmarik of Van Buren Township, MI; Grandchildren: Jessica Krcmarik and Michael Tyler Krcmarik; In-Laws: Christina (Krcmarik) James, Patricia (Krcmarik) and Ron Harris; Aunts: Marion Krcmarik and Barbara Kunik; also many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents: Willard and Margaret (Larsen) Weaver; Mother and Father-in-law: John J. and Anna (Kunik) Krcmarik Jr.; Aunts and Uncles: Kurt and Carla (Elliot) Weaver, Albert and Laura (Larsen) Reinbold, Leonard and Mattie (Weaver) Faust, Alex and Elizabeth Weaver, and Lawrence Weaver; Brother and Sister-in-law James and Eva (Tomlinson) Krcmarik.
Marilyn married John C. Krcmarik III, on June 20, 1964 in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Carrolton, Michigan. She moved to Ashland, Massachusetts where John had been previously transferred from Flint, Michigan. While there Marilyn and John became active in St. Cecilia Catholic Church. Before Marilyn married John she worked at Michigan Bell and Sargent Sand Co. in Saginaw, Michigan. When they married and moved to Ashland, MA and worked at Waters Associates. They moved back to Michigan and she worked at Boden Insurance in Novi, Post Smythe, Lutz & Zeil Accounting in Plymouth. Upon completing her Associates Degree, she joined Harold F. Allen Accounting in Westland for 17 years before retiring. Her accounting work always concentrated on the complex side of the businesses.
Marilyn took great interest in the raising and education of the children. While at St. Edith church in Livonia, MI, she taught CCD classes and volunteered in fundraising. While at St. John Neuman in Canton, MI, she volunteered in the religious education programs and fundraising while ferreting the kids to and from school on different time schedules. Upon moving to St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville, MI, Marilyn helped in the annual Strawberry festivals, joined the Welcome Team, helped with the rummage sales, annual Christmas cookie sales, funeral luncheons, and organized cleanup around the church premises as well.
Marilyn especially liked to paint; mostly landscapes and scenic works, first sketching, and then painting to her liking. In ceramics she was especially gifted in intricate painting of wildlife and Christmas Nativity scenes. Marilyn liked to bowl and golf, especially with her husband. She enjoyed having friends and family come to their cottage on Sanford Lake. She also enjoyed family gatherings and cookouts at their home on Belleville Lake. She was a remarkable woman who will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.
Visitation will be 4-8 PM Thursday, March 31, 2022, and 2-8 PM Friday, April 1, 2022, with a 7:00 PM Rosary Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, April 2, 2022, at 11:00 AM at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111. Father John Kiselica will serve as Celebrant. The family will welcome guests from 10-11 AM at church.
Burial ceremony will take place Monday, April 4, 2022, 12 noon at Elmwood Cemetery, New Lothrop (Hazelton Township), Michigan with Fr. John Kiselica presiding. The cemetery is 1/2 mile south of town on New Lothrop Road. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to St. Vincent de Paul, c/o St. Anthony Catholic Church, or to the wishes of the family, would be appreciated.

Jerry Woodward

JERRY WOODWARD
Began: June 19, 1946
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MARTHA PEARL SALISBURY
(February 14, 1921 – March 22, 2022)
Age 101. Survived by 2 brothers, 5 children. Preceded in death by husbands Vester Little, Elder Vernon Hall, and Herbert Salisbury. Local services March 24 at David C. Brown Funeral Home. Another service and burial in Martin, KY. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Glendora Lee Cook

GLENDORA LEE COOK
(November 24, 1945 -- March 23, 2022)
Loving mother of 3, Grandmother to 13, Great Grandmother of 2 and Blessed Angel to all has ended her battle with Cancer and joined her husband to be with the Lord 3:55 p.m. March, 23, 2022. The family was fortunate to be able to honor her most desired final wish to be surrounded, in love, by her entire family as she passed on peacefully to heaven.
Glendora Cook, born Glendora Sewell, was born November 24, 1945 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Later moving to Belleville, MI as young child. On her 16th birthday, she met the love of her life, Sanford Earl Cook II of Belleville, MI. She was a 1963 graduate of Belleville High School. Glendora and Sanford lived out their lives together Belleville, MI.
Glendora was preceded in death by her husband, Sanford. She is survived by her 3 children: sons Sandy (Victoria) Cook and Robert (Stephenie) Cook, and daughter Christy (Philip) Hawn; 13 grandchildren: Patience (Sean) Alpiner, Zachary Cook (fiancée Paige), Austin (Harper) Cook, Jack Hawn, Dylan Cook, Nathan Cook, Benjamin Hawn, Alexis Burrows, Stephen Hawn, Austin Burrows, Kari Cook (boyfriend Ben), Daniel Hawn, and Grace Cook. Glendora was blessed with 2 Great-Grandchildren: Logan and Max Alpiner.
The family is honoring Glendora's final wishes with a private ceremony.

Sylvia Sala

SYLVIA SALA
(May 11, 1943 – March 4, 2022)
Sylvia Sala, 78, of Ypsilanti, MI, passed away Friday, March 4, 2022, at Angela Hospice, Livonia, MI, after a courageous battle with breast cancer. She was born May 11, 1943, in Wayne, Michigan, daughter of Peter & Rose Josephine (Gerczakowski) Sala. She loved playing on her grandparent's farm as a child. Sylvia graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1961. She worked at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Hospital as a clerk up until her retirement, and then enjoyed working at Hudson's, Marshall Fields, and Macy's, for several years, as well. She loved visiting the mall, shopping, was an avid reader, and also enjoyed doing ceramics and embroidery. She was a former member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, MI.
Sylvia is survived by her daughter Dana Sala of Ypsilanti, MI, sister Carol (Sala) Nastrom-Nelson of Visalia, California, brother Raymond Sala of Florida, two nephews: Richard (Karen) Nastrom of California, and Timothy Sala of Michigan; two nieces: Jami (Aaron) LaPointe and Amber (Ryan) Nickens, both of Florida; five great nieces & nephews: Dalton, Lola, Adrian, Waverly, and Eli; also numerous friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother-in-law Rudy Nastrom-Nelson, also her cherished 19-year-old cat Molly Lou.
Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Breast Cancer Research and would be appreciated.

RICHARD DUANE GARDNER
(October 17, 1946 – March 19, 2022)
Richard Duane Gardner, Belleville High School class of 1964, Eastern Michigan University class of 1968.
Richard Gardner died Saturday, March 19, 2022 from cancer at the age of 75. He was born October 17, 1946 to Cade Vance Gardner and Eileen M. (Horden) Gardner. He was preceded in death by both parents, his brother Kaye Donald Gardner, and niece Lori Gardner.
He lived in Belleville for 63 years before moving to Taylor, Michigan. During those years, he graduated from high school and college with a B.S. and M.A., married Gloria Gregory, had two children Jessica (Nathaniel) Crain and Robert Francis Gregory Gardner (Julie Tipner), and taught physics and electronics in the Taylor School District. He has 3 grandchildren, Kennedy, Cade and Noelle Gardner.
In 2015, Richard was remarried to Dianna Shafer. The two lived in Taylor. He was a member of the Mio Moose and Taylor American Legion. Among his interests he favored trout fishing, having a cabin on the Au Sable River, hunting game birds and wildlife conservation. He maintained a vegetable garden at his Belleville residence and at his cabin. He passed these interests and cabin on to his son and daughter. The funeral was held Saturday, March 26, in Taylor, Michigan at Taylor Voran Funeral Home.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, April 4 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
• Tuesday, April 5 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting
• Monday, April 11 – City of Belleville special budget session, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

Belleville Area District Library sets April events

The Belleville Area District Library has two special programs coming up in April.

Homegrown Knowledge Presents: Vampirism: Myth vs. Science

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, local resident JuliAnna Ebeling presents her research on the origins and evolution of the vampire in history and popular culture.

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Library cancels April 4 presentation, Gardening 101

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the April 4 "Gardening 101" program set at the Belleville Area District Library had to be cancelled. The library is waiting to hear from the presenter about a reschedule at a later date.

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Photo courtesy of Athletic Director Joe Brodie

The Belleville High School Boys' Basketball Team wrapped up its season with an overall record of 19-7 while capturing another KLAA East Division Championship, as well as a District and Regional Championship along the way. In the Quarterfinals, they beat Cass Tech to advance to the Final Four for the first time since 2002. They met up with the defending State Champs, Grand Blanc, at the Breslin Center on the campus of Michigan State University on March 25. Although they fell short in that game, with a 61-40 score, it was still one heck of a tournament run, said BHS Athletic Director Joe Brodie. Individual honors went to Dajon Johnson, Mario Johnson, Ja'Len Jenkins, and Bryce Radtka as they finished All-KLAA, and Malik Nassor was All-KLAA Honorable Mention.

Maria Kasperek earns Honors Day recognition at Kalamazoo College

Kalamazoo College student Maria Kasperek of Belleville earned Honors Day recognition on Nov. 5 during Family Weekend in the Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures Division.

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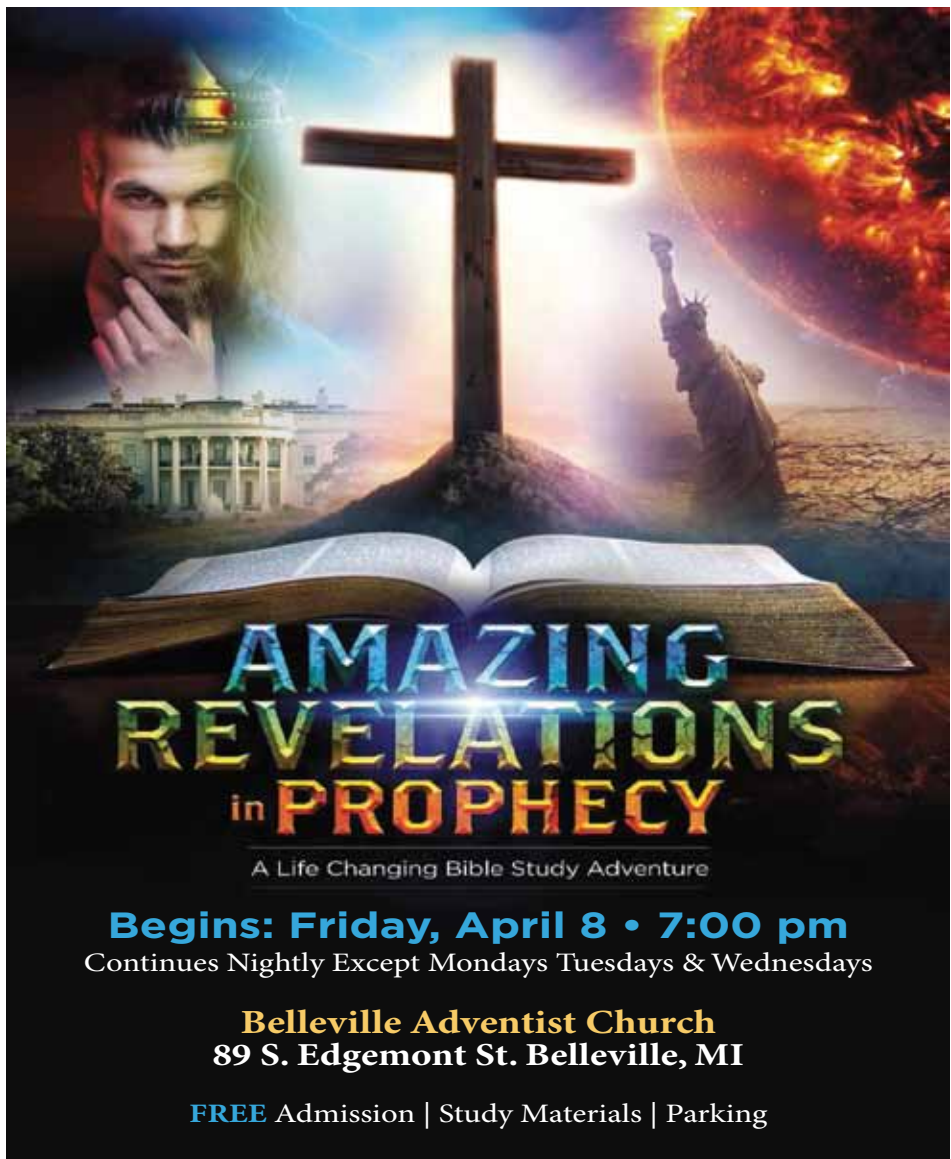

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More Letters

Library replacement millage can't be captured

To the editor:

The article which was previously published in the March 17 *Independent* about the upcoming millage renewal for the District Library said on page 13: "they (The Library Board) no longer will have to contend with the Downtown Development Authorities and the Local Development Finance Authority with this replacement millage."

These DDA and LDFA funds are already our taxes so we are currently paying for the library through the DDA and LDFA. For those city residents who live within a DDA capture district, like the residents of Victoria Commons, all their taxes are captured and designated to be used for things other than infrastructure. If those residents vote in favor of the millage increase, most of that increase will be captured by the DDA anyway and will not go to library operating costs but just add to the DDA fund balance.

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Ruth Kessel
Belleville

Editor's Note: The replacement millage is not a "millage increase," but a replacement of the exact amount of millage that expired last year after being approved by voters for operations of the library. The DDAs and LDFA will not be able to capture this new replacement millage because of state legislation. The Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act, PA 57 of 2018 exempts any library millage approved by voters after January 1, 2017 from tax capture. Not all of the property tax in a DDA or LDFA district is captured, just the amount of increase in property value after the date the DDA or LDFA was instituted. In Belleville, the library and city levy taxes and the DDA captures some of those taxes to use for its purposes. You're right. It's all our tax money being shifted around from one pocket to another.

BHS Senior Party will be at High Velocity

Dear Community Member:

Graduation for the BHS Class of 2022 is fast approaching. There has been a long-standing tradition that after the graduation ceremony is over, the graduates are invited back to BHS that night for a senior party. However, this year we are trying something new by hosting the senior party, on May 21, at High Velocity in Canton. The events will be a safe alternative geared toward celebrating the Class of 2022.

The Senior Party Planning Committee at Belleville High School will be organizing these adventures. The team, made up primarily of parent volunteers, is asking area businesses and community members to help us make these events memorable. Any help you could offer, such as monetary gifts or items that would be appropriate for the Class of 2022, would be most appreciated. Besides providing entertainment, decorations, food and drinks, our goal is for each graduate to be awarded a prize.

Felicia Lasenby and Connie Testorelli are the BHS Student Council Advisors for this amazing class. The Tax ID of the high school is 38-6004192.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lasenby at (734) 697-9133, ext. 2111, flasenby@vanburenschools.net, or Mrs. Testorelli at (734) 697-9133, ext. 2048, ctestorelli@vanburenschools.net. Checks should be made payable to Belleville High School and please note in the memo area that it is for the Class of 2022. Checks and items can be sent or dropped off at: Belleville High School, Attention: Felicia Lasenby, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111.

Should you wish to donate an item that you would like picked up, please call BHS at (734) 697-9133 and arrangements will be made. Thank you for your time and your continued support of our community.

Felicia Lasenby and Connie Testorelli
BHS teacher, Class of 2022 Student Council Advisor

I'm starting a new charity for politicians

To the editor:

I hope you can help me. I'm starting a new charity. It is called pants on our politicians or P.O.O.P. The reason I'm starting it is to help our public servants. I find now that generous Joe Biden is sending the states billons of dollars, our public servants don't have enough pockets to stuff the money in. So, I'm asking if anyone has old cargo pants -- the more pockets the better -- could they send them direct to the big P.O.O.P. in Lansing. I know she wouldn't want the money wasted on such mundane things as fixing the darn roads or other such useless projects. I know our trustworthy folks in Lansing will spend the money wisely. Why, I know I read somewhere where our attorney general is getting a new Bloody Mary machine.

By the by, where is all that money coming from?

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Vic Franzoi
Van Buren Township

Rosie the Riveter tea set for May 7 in Northville

To the editor:

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The tea will be held in the Cady Inn followed by the program at the Church. There is a lift available in the Church for those who have problems with the five steps (with railing) leading into the Church.

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Court Watching:

Judge Martin affirms that Forsythe can be free pending March 28 exam

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Wayne County Special Prosecutor Sona Movsisyan brought the case of Alexander Joseph Forsythe back to 34th District Court on March 16 with a motion hearing because she didn't think he should be allowed to be released to his parent's home in Livonia on a tether.

Judge Lisa Martin said on March 9, Forsythe was granted $10,000 personal bond and could be released to live at his parents' home in Livonia because his wife, the victim, lived in Van Buren Township and there would be no contact.

But Prosecutor Movsisyan said the complainant works at a yacht club in Livonia and, in another incident, the defendant brandished his mother's weapon at his wife at her job. Her childcare also is in Livonia, she said. Movsisyan said the defendant made contact with his wife from the Westland Jail where he was being held a couple of days after the hearing where he was told no contact.

She told the judge this raised concerns because he had access to weapons.

Forsythe's attorney Tyrone Bickerdt said his client was held on a traffic or misdemeanor charge in Westland and the charges were dismissed. His client was seeking access to his mental health medication, Bickerdt said. He said because of the delay with the tether, he has had to spend one more week in jail.

Forsythe's live exam is March 28.

Judge Martin lectured Forsythe that no contact means no contact at all. She said the concern is that the complainant works in Livonia and the defendant is not working and would be like under house arrest.

Bickerdt said he doesn't know if the charges of contact are true.

"The court modified the bond last week," Judge Martin said. "He is to be on tether. If he gets in contact, she will report and he will be back in jail."

Forsythe is charged with unlawful imprisonment, assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer, indecent exposure, and domestic violence on Feb. 21 in Van Buren Township.

At the March 9 court session, Movsisyan said an off-duty police officer was a witness to the domestic violence and when he tried to intervene to help the victim, the defendant barricaded himself in their home with his wife and child. It took many officers to end the standoff, she said. He is not to return to his Willow Way address under his bond stipulations.

Shabrea Lashawn Nunn

Shabrea Lashawn Nunn, 28, of Westland, did not appear for her Aug. 18 zoom arraignment and pretrial and a bench warrant was signed for her arrest. Her $5,000 personal bond was revoked and her bond now will be $5,000/10%. Her notice for the court date was returned several times by the post office as undeliverable.

She is charged with having no insurance under the insurance code on Feb. 3, 2020 in the City of Belleville.

Krystal Mari Falcon

Krystal Mari Falcon, 39, of Van Buren Township and previously of Sumpter, was before Judge Martin on Aug. 18 for her arraignment and probable cause conference on a felony charge of possession of narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams on Aug. 19, 2020 in Sumpter Township. Her attorney David Goldstein asked for personal bond and Judge Martin said law enforcement in Sumpter Township asked for $5,000/10% bond, but she will depart from that and set $5,000 personal bond. She said discovery is outstanding so she adjourned the probable cause conference to Sept. 8. On Sept. 8, Judge Green adjourned the probable cause conference to Oct. 6. At that date, she waived her preliminary exam and she was bound over to circuit court for her arraignment on the information on Oct. 20. A calendar conference had been set for Feb. 4. A final conference is April 14.

Robert Keith Branim

Robert Keith Branim, 46, of Van Buren Township was present for his Aug. 18 remote pretrial on charges of malicious destruction of property less than $200 and trespass on June 27, 2019 in Belleville. He took a plea deal and pled guilty to MDOP less than $200 and the trespass charge was dropped. The sentence was under advisement for six months with no reporting and a $345 fine. Defense attorney Samer Jadallah said on Sept. 1, his client was to enter a one-year-long, in-place treatment center for his many problems and he would be unable to pay anything while there.

The fees for seven cases were consolidated to $2,877 and he would be paying $50 a month so last payment of $27 would be due on Oct. 15, 2026. On Jan. 26 the court record reflects an email was sent to the defendant asking for proof of rehab since Life Challenge stated he no longer was there. No payments had been made.

Robert Glenn Courter

On Aug. 25, a pretrial was adjourned until Sept. 14 for Robert Glenn Courter, 55, of Van Buren Township, who is charged with stalking and two counts of motor vehicle tracking device on Feb. 19, 2021 in Van Buren Township. Defense attorney Jeffrey Bennett said he is trying to negotiate with Prosecutor Larry King and King had to talk to his supervisors about a possible plea deal.

On Sept. 14, charges were dismissed on the two motor-vehicle tracking devices on a motion of the prosecuting attorney. Courter pled guilty to stalking and sentencing was set for Oct. 14. On that date Judge Oakley ordered him to pay $1,745 within 30 days, have 36 months of probation, continue counseling, have no contact with the complaining victim, and can have the tether removed.

James Allison Devlin

James Allison Devlin, 66, of Van Buren Township had been charged by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for feeding deer on Dec. 5, 2020 and his pretrial had been delayed until defense attorney Murray Duncan could research the law.

At the Aug. 25 pretrial, Judge Oakley wanted to hear Devlin's story. He said he lives on five acres in Van Buren Township and has been feeding the wildlife for 25 years. He said he puts out feeders around his property to see from his window the turkeys, rabbits, deer and whatever other animals come. He said he is not baiting and all the feeders are visible from his house. He has been married for 33 years and is employed.

In a plea deal, Devlin pled no-contest to the charge and Judge Oakley gave him a delayed sentence for six months, with the charge being wiped from his record after that time if there are no further problems. The judge also set $400 in court costs but did not suspend Devlin's hunting privilege.

COVID-19 deaths remain at 128 in 48111 positive tests at 8,889

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remained at 128 as of Monday, March 28, according to figures from the Wayne County Health Department. The COVID-19 death number in the tri-community has been at that number since March 10.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 8,860 on Monday, March 28, up from 8,889 on Monday, March 21.

On Monday, March 28, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 6,070 positive cases, 86 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,032 positive cases, 13 deaths; and Sumpter Township 1,787 positive cases, 29 deaths.

The Van Buren Public Schools had three positive cases last week, one on Monday, March 21, one on Tuesday, March 22, and one on Thursday, March 24. As of March 24, there has been a total of 556 positive cases since the beginning of the school year last August.

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Keystone school board changes meeting times from 6 p.m. to 5 p.m.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the Thursday, March 10, meeting of the Keystone Academy Board of Directors it was decided to change its June 9 board meeting to June 2, so it doesn't conflict with the June 9 Keystone graduation exercises for eight-graders who will be going on to other schools to complete their high school careers.

Board members also agreed to set their meeting times for 5 p.m. for the meetings left in this school year, April 14, May 12, and June 2.

In other business at the March 10 meeting, the board:

• Approved the revised designated signatory fiscal resolution to secure board access to its funds, as well as National Heritage Academy access to its funds;

• Heard Principal Jorvonna Drain announce the students in grades 3-8 have completed ELA Interim 2 testing and they had an 8% increase in student proficiency from Interim 1. She said they currently were taking Math Interim 2;

• Discussed selecting a new board member to replace Darren Hickonbottom who did not show interest in being reappointed. The board will nominate a person who will then be considered by Bay Mills Community College which holds the charter for Keystone. Hickonbottom has missed many meetings because of his job as an athletic coach;

• Approved the revised discipline reporting policy, which removes the ID number of the student;

• Reviewed the proposed 2022-23 board calendar, which will be voted on in April;

• Heard Principal Jorvonna Drain report alerts have been given to parents/guardians of students in grades K-3 who might be retained;

• Discussed the gifts for the two office administrator staff to celebrate Administrative Professionals Week, April 25-29. Also discussed was Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, May 2-6, that may feature a food truck. The deans and principal were honored in March; and

• Heard Principal Drain say transportation is a problem for some families and so they may set up car pools next year.

At the Feb. 22 meeting, the board:

• Went into closed session for a disciplinary hearing and came into open session to expel a fourth grader for 180 days for persistent disobedience;

• Approved the 2021-22 amended budget in the form of a General Appropriations Act as submitted;

• Approved reappointment of Patricia Kirkpatrick to serve an additional board term on the Keystone Board of Directors;

• Approved Alan C. Young as the 2021-22 audit firm; and

• Approved 760 offered seats available for the 2022-23 school year.

VBT LDFA

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LDFA vice chairman Doug Peters, a retired attorney, said they could just add a sentence to the LDFA bylaws saying anything beyond the debt could be spent by "the ordinary and usual budget process."

Peters said, also, he thinks the LDFA should have $1,000 set aside in the budget for incidental activities, "so we don't have to borrow or get donations." He referred to what Delaney had to do to raise funds to put on the Sept. 11 program at Grace Lake last fall.

In other business at the March 8 meeting, the LDFA:

• Heard Deputy Supervisor Dan Selman give a synopsis of LDFA activities in 2021 as required by Public Act 57. The report is also required to be posted on the township website. He said the primary focus of the LDFA at this time is the payment of the debt obligations as a result of the Visteon public improvements. The report says, "The LDFA will continue to pursue legal action against the original developer pursuant to the shortfall." Two information sessions are required per year and notices were sent out to all the taxing authorities;

• Heard a brief report from LDFA chairman Michael Dotson on the subcommittee which was formed to explore use and development of Grace Lake Corporate Center (the former Visteon Village). They have some ideas and others with ideas are asked to let them know. The idea to move the Forgotten Harvest free food lines each Tuesday afternoon to Grace Lake during construction of the VBT Community Center, was shared by Deputy Selman. Delaney said he wants to set up a ceremony for the Boy Scouts who helped put on the Sept. 11 program at Grace Lake and give them certificates.

City of Belleville Public Notice

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Belleville City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.

The purpose of the public hearing is for public input regarding an amendment to the codified ordinances that would add a chapter pertaining to post-construction stormwater management.

The Public Hearing will take place at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

Publish: March 24, 2022, and March 31, 2022

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This serves as a notification that you are hereby summoned to appear at 34th District Court on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 1 p.m. pertaining to case number 22-0458.

Published: March 24, March 31, April 7, 2022

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VBT planners approve DTE modular restroom addition

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The DTE Western Wayne Service Center complex at 8801 Haggerty Rd. just south of Ecorse will be adding a modular shower/locker room after the Van Buren Township Planning Commission approved its preliminary and final site plans at the March 23 meeting.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said DTE is seeking to install a 1,285-square-foot addition to an existing 116,377-square-foot office and manufacturing building used by DTE. The addition will be 465 square feet masonry construction on grade beam expansion and 84 square feet of temporary modular restroom set on piers.

He said they plan to build a masonry office and restroom for use by the field staff next to the existing truck lot.

Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant from McKenna Associates, said the old drainage pond on the 26-acre parcel needs to be redone and the outdoor storage rack split off, but this request is for the trailer and addition only, needing no company or township engineering.

DTE regional manager Barbara Rykwalder said the workers at the site requested closer restroom facilities. She said one of the goals for DTE is safety and presently the workers are having to walk through the building to reach the restrooms and trucks are moving around inside making it dangerous. She said the service center serves all of Wayne County and into Oakland County and the storm season is coming in.

Krishnan questioned the looks of the doublewide trailer on little pillars and DTE engineer Brock said it will have a steel-ribbed skirt to match the color of the siding. Krishnan said that makes it look like a trailer. Rykwalder said they can upgrade the skirt to make it look more permanent.

Commissioner Brian Cullin asked if it is permanent, why is it a trailer? DTE representative Jean Uwizeye said it is a time factor and cost factor to address and immediate need.

The commission passed the motion to approve the project with the stipulation that the skirting be the same masonry material as the adjacent structure.

A comment was made by Steven Darke via zoom that the township should reevaluate its ordinance that allows installation of a trailer. He said this is too low a design structure. At the end of the meeting, Commissioner Jeff Jahr replied to Darke that he heard his comment, which he thought was apt.

In other business at the March 23 meeting, the commission:

• Approved DTE Electric's tree removal permit application for the removal of 56 regulated trees at 42061 Ecorse, between Haggerty Road and Kirkridge Park Drive, to prepare the site for construction of a future substation, called the Morton Substation. Rykwalder said the substation will support businesses in the township and the area. The property recently was rezoned for the project and the trees are tagged with metal tags. Power said DTE already has presented a check for the permit and will plant replacement trees in Van Buren Park in the fall, after their plan is first reviewed by township staff. Power said he expects DTE to be back with a site plan within the next two months. Krishnan said there are 115-117 total trees, with one-half removed and one-half replaced;

• Approved temporary land use for the TNT Fireworks tent at the Walmart site at 10562 Belleville Rd. from June 22 to July 5. Power said this is the eighth year and it has operated without problems;

• Heard Power explain the proposed text amendments to the VBT Zoning Ordinance that he has presented to them are for the Sumpter Road Mixed Use District and the Sumpter Road Overlay District and related amendments. He asked the commission members to review the language and send him any comments. The first real work session on this will be at the next meeting, April 13, he said. Commissioner Brian Cullin asked if the land recently cleared on Sumpter Road is in the city and Power replied, "just barely." He said they have a "live map" that commissioners can use to determine whether property is in the city or the township along Sumpter Road between the city limits and Hull Road, since parcels go in and out of the city and township; and

• Voted unanimously on a resolution to change the commission's regular meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Power said he will submit their action to the township board for its April 5 agenda, since the board will have to approve this. He expects the time change will take effect at the commission's next meeting on April 13.

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for discussion by Trustee Rush;

• Heard Rush announce that Parks and Recreation is planning some activities, including Family Fun Day, Free Fishing Day, and an Easter Egg Hunt at noon on April 9 at Graham Park, with Rush wearing the bunny suit;

• Heard Clerk Hurst announce that her office is eliminating two voting precincts and will be left with just a total of four precincts in two places – the fire hall and the community center;

• Heard Danci report that at about 11:30 a.m. earlier that day there was low water pressure reported all over the township. He called the Great Lakes Water Authority and they were doing work and the water pressure was brought back up by 1 p.m.;

• During the work/study session before the regular meeting, discussed at length the proposal to use Braun & Helmer Auction Service, Inc. to sell township property instead of going out for bids;

• At the beginning of the regular meeting, heard Bowman advise resident Mary Ban that they were going to do things a little differently and now there was a three-minute limit for public comment. The only place for public comment now is at the beginning of the meeting. Ban spoke of the bad roads, the closed museum, and placement of voting precincts. She was the only speaker; and

• At the end of the meeting, heard LaPorte ask for a site plan update for Zino's, the vacant restaurant at the corner of Sumpter and Bemis roads. He said the township granted them a liquor license contingent on a site plan for outdoor dining, and that was two to three years ago. "He took the license and ran," said Trustee Morgan. "My intention is to take the liquor license back," said Supervisor Bowman. Oddy said they need to have the facts out to the public.

There was a brief closed-door session between the work/study session and the regular meeting so attorney Young could update the board on the police contract negotiation. After the board came back into regular session it voted to direct the attorney to move on what was discussed in the closed-door session.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 255 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, March 20:

0007 – civil matter, W. Adams
0059 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0207 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0218 – assist fire dept., Hull Rd.
0424 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0449 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0618 – misc. complaint, Rolan Meadows Dr.
0638 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0851 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0927 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Edison Lake Rd.
1121 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1218 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1222 – intrusion alarm, Kahla Dr.
1228 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1240 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ironwood Dr.
1334 – intrusion alarm, Savage Rd.
1450 – domestic, Ash Dr.
1531 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./N. Ponderosa
1535 – fraud, Lilac Ln.
1759 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1821 – welfare check, Quirk Rd.
1838 – civil matter, Timberland Dr.
1940 – juvenile complaint, Westlake Cir.
2014 – traffic offense, W. Huron River Dr./Hoeft
2126 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ayres Ave.
2148 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2328 – suspicious person/vehicle, Landmark
2326 – juvenile complaint, Vernon St.
2347 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.

Monday, March 21:

0219 – assist fire dept., S. Cumberland Dr.
0639 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0754 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1057 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1102 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1145 – welfare check, Ash Dr.
1235 – welfare check, Outer Dr.
1237 – assist fire dept., Ash Dr.
1316 – assist fire dept., Bayshore Dr.
1331 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1346 – vehicle lock out, Belleville Rd.
1428 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1514 – civil matter, Brandi Dr.
1600 – assist citizen, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1606 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1609 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1713 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1938 – animal complaint, Alden Ave.
2002 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2134 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2247 – domestic, Fairbanks St.
2308 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.

Tuesday, March 22:

0105 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0236 – assist other dept., Ecorse/Morton Taylor
0524 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.
0609 – 911 welfare check, Redwood Dr.
0750 – larceny from auto, Ironwood Dr.
0855 – misc. complaint, Rose Blvd.
1057 – mental subject, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1106 – suicidal person, Parkside Dr.
1107 – operating while intoxicated, N. I-94 Service
1212 – breaking & entering, Rose Blvd.
1223 – suicidal person, Tyler Rd.
1253 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1318 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1321 – 911 welfare check, Elwell Rd.
1328 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.
1401 – sexual assault, Village Green Ln.
1537 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1545 – assist fire dept., Barnwell Dr.
1646 – animal complaint, Van Born
1739 – domestic, Sadie Ln.
1811 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
2126 – harassment call, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2133 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
2212 – assist other dept., Birch Dr.
2224 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
2232 – animal complaint, McKinley St.
2311 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, March 23:

0106 – larceny from auto, Oak ln.
0345 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0358 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0428 – assist other dept., N. Liberty
0915 – property damage accident, Denton Rd.
0922 – private property impound, W. Huron River
0948 – motorist assist, Belleville/Ecorse Rd.
1046 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1120 – animal complaint, Old Michigan Rd.
1152 – larceny from auto, Parkwood Dr.
1255 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1436 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1439 – vehicle lock out, Belleville Rd.
1458 – hospice death, Pond Bluff Dr.
1505 – sexual assault, Van buren St.
1511 – mental subject, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1541 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1544 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1621 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1703 – PPO violation, Gilmore St.
1704 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1812 – shooting, Lighthouse Dr.
1900 – harassment call, Tyler Rd.
2037 – family trouble, Western St.
2109 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
2239 – threat, Richard Run Dr.
2246 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2254 – welfare check, Revere Dr.

Thursday, March 24:

0144 – suspicious person/vehicle, Richard Run Dr.
0251 – property check, Hamilton St.
1134 – larceny, McKinley St.
1159 – fraud, Freedom Way
1204 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1210 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1252 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1409 – domestic, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1526 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1607 – neighbor trouble, Rose Blvd.
1733 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1839 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1953 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
1858 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1941 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
1948 – welfare check, Landmark
2012 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
2159 – welfare check, Michigan Ave.
2214 – welfare check, Meadows Cir.
2224 – property check, Belleville Rd.
2237 – welfare check, Michigan Ave.

Friday, March 25:

0008 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0018 – noise complaint, Daniel Dr.
0047 – 911 welfare check, Amanda Dr.
0158 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd.
0217 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0251 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0333 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0826 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
0834 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1044 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1109 – suicidal person, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1123 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1151 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1223 – misc. complaint, Country Ln.
1241 – assist other dept., Haverhill Rd.
1354 – intrusion alarm, Belmont Dr.
1414 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1428 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1511 – harassment call, Outer Dr.
1529 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1532 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1600 – found property/child, Parkwood Dr.
1644 – intrusion alarm, Colonial Rd.
1832 – disorderly, E. Schooner Dr.
1855 – intrusion alarm, Wildbrook Dr.
1929 – 911 welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
2001 – noise complaint, Meadows Cir.
2131 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2134 – family trouble, Belleville Rd.
2139 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.
2252 – vehicle lock out, Truman
2338 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.

Saturday, March 26:

1132 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1246 – assault & battery, Peachtree Ln.
1330 – fraud, Ironwood Dr.
1345 – assist other dept., W. I-94/rest area
1403 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, EB Michigan Ave./bypass
1520 – assault & battery, McKinley St.
1532 – intrusion alarm, Paloma Dr.
1611 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1620 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1650 – fight, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1720 – narcotics crime, Tyler Rd.
2014 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
2056 – domestic, Van Born Rd.
2058 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
2138 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
2223 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.

Also on this week's log are 63 traffic stops, five of which are on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 20:

0241 – traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.
0316 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./Fifth
0338 – 911 welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2140 – traffic stop, Potter Dr.
2356 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.

Monday, March 21:

0523 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0911 – malicious destruction of property, Victorian Ln.
1047 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
1250 – 911 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1326 – warrant arrest. S. Canton Center Rd.
1658 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Robbe St.
1729 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1844 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Spencer St.

Tuesday, March 22:

0022 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Columbia Ave.
0759 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
2249 – assist other dept., Main St.

Wednesday, March 23:

0423 – breaking & entering, N. Liberty St.
0451 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon St.
1146 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
1152 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1622 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Thornhill Ct. / Victorian Ln.

Thursday, March 24:

Friday, March 25:

0049 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
0629 – larceny from auto, W. Columbia Ave.
0839 – misc. complaint, Loza Ln.
0904 – abandoned auto, city municipal lot/Liberty St. N.
0920 – traffic stop, Main St.
0951 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
1034 – traffic offense, Main St./Second St.
1117 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
2010 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
2036 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
2116 – PPO violation, Wheeler
2356 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.

Saturday, March 26:

0235 – warrant arrest, Carmell St.
0816 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
0845 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0910 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1007 – traffic stop, Main St.
1016 – traffic stop, Main St.
1057 – traffic stop, Main St.
1117 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1125 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1134 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1139 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.
1147 – traffic stop, Main St.
1201 – traffic stop, High St.
1229 – traffic stop, High St.
1247 – traffic stop, Main St.
1252 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1354 – lost property/child, Sumpter Rd.
1508 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1514 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1530 – traffic stop, High St./Edison St.
1548 – traffic stop, Bay Pointe Dr.
1558 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1624 – 911 welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1814 – found property/child, Main St.
2051 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
2133 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
2141 – traffic stop, Second St./N. Liberty St.

There were 32 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 20:

0008 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0016 – citizen assist, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0051 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Lohr
0313 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0641 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1146 – suspicious circumstance, Harris Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
1159 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1252 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.
1311 – suspicious circumstance, Haggerty/Arkona
1401 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Judd
1434 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1502 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1517 – neighbor trouble, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1610 – ORV complaint, Martinsville Rd./Arkona
1734 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1745 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1810 – fire dept. assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1943 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1943 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
2044 – suspicious person, Delaware
2152 – disturbing the peace, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
2333 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.

Monday, March 21:

0252 – disorderly person, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0955 – breaking & entering report, 45000 bl. Judd
1010 – animal complaint, Mulberry Dr.
1335 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1413 – mental health call, Edgewood Dr.
1616 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1542 – assist other agency, New Mexico St.
1645 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1742 – alarm, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1959 – mental health call, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

Tuesday, March 22:

0127 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Wear
0136 – citizen assist, Florida St.
0500 – warrant arrest, 2100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0823 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1241 – disturbing the peace, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1340 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1505 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1529 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Elwell
1725 – follow-up investigation, 38000 bl. Willis
2354 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.

Wednesday, March 23:

0057 – mental health call, Edgewood Dr.
0414 – disorderly person, Creekside Dr.
0742 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1227 – mental health call, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1430 – traffic complaint/hazard, 40000 bl. Judd
1449 – suspicious circumstance, Montana St.
1520 – traffic complaint/hazard, 40000 bl. Judd
1520 – welfare check, Birch Dr.
1801 – citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1930 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2000 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.

Thursday, March 24:

0742 – noise complaint, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1221 – animal complaint, Arkona Rd./Clark Rd.
1246 – citizen assist, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1331 – noise complaint, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1408 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1631 – suspicious circumstance, Carleton West Rd. / Willow Rd.
1738 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.
1811 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1834 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1838 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1840 – suspicious circumstance, 41000 bl. Wear
1907 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis
2030 – suspicious circumstance, Arizona St.
2151 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.

Friday, March 25:

0031 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
0207 – neighbor trouble, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
0840 – stalking complaint, Willis Rd./Clark Rd.
1012 – neighbor trouble, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1052 – suspicious circumstance, Wayside Dr.
1119 – stalking complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1314 – follow-up investigation, 39000 bl. Willis
1402 – property damage accident, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1535 – down wires, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.

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1618 – down wires, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1817 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1826 – 911 hang up, Colorado
1833 – found property, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1935 – disturbing the peace, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
2008 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2014 – follow-up investigation, 39000 bl. Willis
2108 – fire dept. assist, 11000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2130 – suspicious person, 5600 bl. Oakville Waltz
2356 – 911 hang up, Texas St.

Saturday, March 26:

0046 – disorderly person, Creekside Dr.
0055 – suspicious vehicle, Knollwood Dr.
0147 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.
0819 – warrant arrest, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1224 – death investigation, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1447 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1531 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1536 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1604 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1702 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1708 – family trouble, Harris/Lohr
1928 – noise complaint, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
2056 – animal complaint, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
2154 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.

Also on this week's log are 128 patrol checks, 37 traffic stops, and five misc. details.

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felon, 5-year felony;

• Weapons - ammunition- possession by felon, 5-year felony;

• Assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), 4-year felony;

• Weapons - carry concealed, 5-year felony;

• Police Officer - assaulting / resisting / obstructing, 2-year felony;

• Four counts of weapons - felony firearm, 2-year felonies; and

• Habitual Offender - fourth offense notice.

Odumodu was arraigned before Judge Brian A. Oakley in the 34th District Court on Monday and a not-guilty plea was entered. Bond was set at $100,000 cash, and his probable cause hearing was scheduled for 8:30 a.m., April 6, via zoom.

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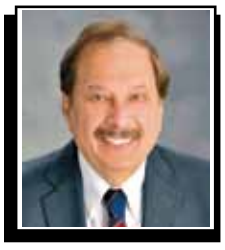

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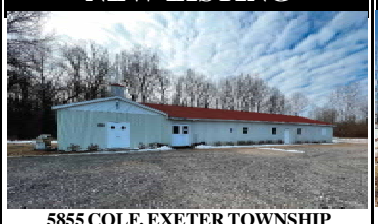

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